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FOR A/SY KNAUF FROM ROBINSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECURITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

REF: A. BA 3544, B. BA 3545, C. BA 3499

1. THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECURITY AT THIS POST IS NOW REACHING THE DESIRED POINT OF EFFECTIVENESS. IN SOME AREAS, HOWEVER, FUTURE PROGRESS WILL DEPEND UPON THE FISCAL AND EQUIPMENT SUPPORT THAT IS TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPT.
2. PRELIMINARY FISCAL AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED FOR THOSE FACILITIES REQUIRING EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS AND HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE DEPT FOR ACTION (REFTEL A, B, C).
3. FOLLOWING IS A STATUS REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF INDIVIDUAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS INITIATED, COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS DURING THE PERIOD 5/10 - 5/17:
 - A. AS OF 5/17 THE SEABEE TEAM HAS SURVEYED AND COMPLETED THE INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LOCKS, ETC., IN 54 US OCCUPIED RESIDENCES. THIS PROJECT IS NOW APPROXIMATELY 59 PERCENT COMPLETED, WITH AN ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE OF 6/10. THIS DATE MAY BE EXTENDED IF CONSTRUCTION OF SAFE HAVEN AND THE INNER SANCTUARY IN THE RESIDENCE IS BEGUN DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE.

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B. THE SECURITY MEASURES IMPOSED WITHIN THE CHANCERY ARE NOW

PRODUCING A MUCH IMPROVED SECURITY POSTURE FOR THAT FACILITY.
MEASURES NOW BEING TAKEN OR COMPLETED INCLUDE:

(1) FURTHER SECURITY CONTROL OF THE ACCESS RAMP TO THE
BASEMENT PARKING AREA AWAITS THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS (REFTEL
C, PARA 1B(1)).

(2) VISITOR ACCESS CONTROLS - PERSONNEL (3) FOR THE ESCORT OF
VISITORS HAVE BEEN HIRED AND THIS SYSTEM WILL BEGIN 5/20.
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT OUTLINING THE PROCEDURES TO BE
FOLLOWED HAS BEEN ISSUED MAKING IT MANDATORY THAT ALL
VISITORS BE ESCORTED AT ALL TIMES. THE ESCORT OF VISITORS TO
THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE WILL BE PERFORMED BY THESE PERSONNEL.
THE VISITOR THEN BECOMES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OFFICE
VISITED. (REFTEL C, PARA 1B (4)).

(3) ESTIMATES HAVE NOW BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE BULLET RESISTANT
MATERIAL REQUIRED TO PROTECT THE CHANCERY RECEPTION AREA.
FISCAL SUPPORT HAS BEEN REQUESTED FROM THE DEPT IN REFTEL A.

(4) ANTI-INTRUSION ALARMS HAVE NOW BEEN INSTALLED IN THE
C&R AREA AND ARE COMPLETELY FUNCTIONAL.

(5) ELEVATORS IN THE CHANCERY HAVE BEEN REPROGRAMMED
TO ASSURE THAT AFTER 1800 HOURS ALL PERSONNEL SIGN IN AND OUT
OF THE CHANCERY. TO ELIMINATE CIRCUMVENTION OF THIS ACCESS
CONTROL THE STAIRWELL ACCESS GRILL IS SECURED BETWEEN THE FIRST
AND GROUND FLOORS.

(6) MARINE SECURITY GUARD ESCORT PROCEDURES FOR THE CHAR
FORCE HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND MODIFIED TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM
COVERAGE.

(7) NO CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF ITEM 1B(8), REFTEL C.

C. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS
AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND ARE
SUBJECT REFTEL B. FUTURE PROGRESS AWAITS FISCAL AND EQUIPMENT
SUPPORT FROM THE DEPT. PRIORITY RESPONSE IS REQUESTED IN ORDER
THAT MODIFICATIONS DESCRIBED REFTEL MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED
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DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE MAY 29 - JUNE 19.

(1) UNNECESSARY ACCESS GATES TO THE NEW CHANCERY COMPOUND
HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND BRICKED IN.

(2) GUARD POST SHELTERS ARE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY THE EMBASSY
CARPENTER.

(3) A GUARD POST IN THE RESIDENCE GARAGE TO COVER THE REAR ACCESS GATE AND THE GARAGE IS BEING ESTABLISHED. CONSTRUCTION WILL BE COMPLETED DURING THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD.

D. IN PREPARATION FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT DUE TO THE IMMEDIATE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE US TRADE CENTER REMAINING OPEN, ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED FOR IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF THE INSTALLATION. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT APPROXIMATELY US\$35-40,000 WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS FACILITY.

E. PRS ASSIGNMENTS WERE PERFORMED BY THE RSO STAFF ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS WHEN IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO ATTEND FUNCTIONS THAT WERE DEEMED TO HAVE A POTENTIAL RISK. THESE INCLUDE A VISIT TO DREDGING OPERATION IN THE TIGRE AREA, A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 35 MILES FROM BA. THE TRII WAS ADVANCED AND THEN ESCORTED BY RSO'S BECKETT AND BOYLE. OTHER VISITS INCLUDED A VISIT TO THE TRADE CENTER AND A CHARITY BENEFIT SHOW AT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

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F. ON 5/13 A MEETING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEF OF FEDERAL POLICE WAS HELD AT THE CHANCERY TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINIMUM SECURITY REQUIREMENTS PRESENTED TO THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR. THESE REQUIREMENTS WERE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL AND WE ARE NOW AWAITING THE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION FROM THE FEDERAL POLICE.

G. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ARE STILL BEING ENFORCED AS DESCRIBED
REFTEL C, PARA 1.H.

H. THREATS AGAINST PERSONNEL - NO THREATS AGAINST PERSONNEL
HAVE BEEN REPORTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. HOWEVER,
SEVERAL SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. THESE WERE
INVESTIGATED AND WERE RESOLVED.

I. THE RSO STAFF IS NOW ON 24-HOUR DUTY STATUS WITH RSO
BECKETT RESPONDING TO THOSE CALLS EMANATING IN THE BUENOS
AIRES METROPOLITAN AREA AND RSO BOYLE HANDLING THE SUBURBS.
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT IS BEING ISSUED TO THIS EFFECT.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES THE RSO HAS BEEN
CONTINUOUSLY INVOLVED IN THE INTERNAL PLANNING SESSIONS WITH
THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHER KEY PERSONNEL REGARDING THE MEASURES
WHICH ARE NOW BEING IPLEMENTED TO REDUCE THE US PRESENCE IN
ARGENTINA AND IMPROVE THE SECURITY POSTURE OF THIS MISSION.

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5. BARRING ANY UNFORSEEN COMPLICATION TDY RSO ROBINSON IS
PRESENTLY PLANNING TO DEPART FOR THE US DURING THE NEXT REPORTING
PERIOD WITH ARRIVAL IN THE US ON OR ABOUT 5/23-24.
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